

Statement From Corporation Counsel Lawrence Garcia:

In early May, Mayor Duggan and Chief Financial Officer Dave Massaron learned about the possibility that some emails of staff of the Office of Chief Financial Officer related to Make Your Date may have been deleted. CFO Massaron promptly took the lead in the effort to recover the emails. To the best of our knowledge, the deleted emails were successfully retrieved.

Approximately two months ago, the Office of Inspector General was informed of the circumstances and was provided the emails recovered.

Given these events, I advised the Mayor to address the issue of email retention by adopting a new policy making the standard for email preservation clear to all city employees. The Mayor issued that Executive Order last week.

The Inspector General has expressed a desire to complete the investigation with minimal comment from anyone within the scope of the investigation. It is our intention to release the contents of all emails to the public as soon as the Inspector General permits. In the meantime, we will continue to cooperate fully with the Inspector General's investigation.